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should be placed on record during your Washington talks. I do not think he will resent it if such things are said to him privately If they are not said, it may well develop in the future that they will have to be stated publicly. He cannot dodge the issue much longer."

Kitty Charlton came to lunch with us with a great packet of news from her recent trips.

Hugh Millard called me from Brussels about my decision not to go there this week and he is in agreement with it.

André de Staercke telephoned to say [redacted] there was still a slight chance of ratification in Belgium by one Chamber before the summer recess. He stated [redacted] he had reflected further on the desirability of my making another trip to Brussels and was convinced I should not do so. He said there was no question but that our conversation with Liebaert at Gutt's house had resulted in bringing the EDC corpse at least temporarily to life but any further arguments put forward by the United States at this time might be prejudicial.

Jean Monnet was in and out of here all day.

At 5:30 I went to the Hotel George V to pick up Paul Hoffman and take him home. He was [redacted] interesting about his conversations with Monnet and his recent trip through Europe. He says that everywhere he was questioned as to whether or not the United States intended to persevere in its European policy and there seemed to be a general feeling that since the President's speech in April we had done little to exercise active leadership in regard to European affairs. He also said that wherever he went President Eisenhower's prestige was [redacted] high in contrast with the general unpopularity of Americans. He had just come from London. There he was told [redacted] Sir Winston Churchill was suffering from the results of a slight stroke. This confirmed what the Italian Ambassador, or possibly another foreign Ambassador told me last night about Churchill being confined to bed and a wheel chair. It seems also [redacted] he has difficulty in the articulation of his speech.

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